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JOINT WEEKS NO 37 FOR STATE, ARMY, NAVY AND AIR DEPARTMENTS  
FROM SANA BANGKOK

POLITICAL

1. PAKISTANI-INDIA CONFLICT (WEEKS 36)

FONNIN THANAT KHOMAN REVIEWED PAKISTANI-INDIAN CONFLICT AT  
SEP 14 CABINET MEETING, LATER TOLD PRESS WOPED CONFLICT WOULD  
END SOON, POINTING OUT NEITHER SIDE BENEFITING AND CANNOT AFFORD  
LONG WAR. WELCOMED MEDIATION OFFERS OTHER NATIONS WHICH THOUGH

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UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED MIGHT STRENGTHEN UN MEDIATION EFFORTS. THANAT  
VOICED CONCERN, AS HAVE OTHERS HERE, THAT ONLY BENEFICIARY WILL  
BE CHICOMS.

OTHER LOCAL COMMENT EMPHASIZED SIMILAR VIEWS. (SEE PSYCHOLOGICAL)

ONLY PUBLIC COMMENT RE POSSIBLE SOLUTION WAS STATEMENT PUBLIC  
RELATIONS DEPT DIRGEN KRITCHA PUNNAKANTA PERSONAL VIEW KASHMIR  
SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER UN TRUSTEESHIP OR GRANTED INDEPENDENCE.  
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2. FM THANA JS COMMENT ON FRENCH POSITION IN SEATO

REPLYING TO PRESS QUERY ON SENATOR DODD'S REPORTED SUGGESTION FRANCE BE "KICKED OUT" OF SEATO, FORMIN THANAT REPORTEDLY CALLED SUCH ACTION "TOO STRONG." THOUGH FRANCE TRYING TOO UNALIGNED AND NOT FULLY SUPPORTING SEATO OR NATO THANAT SAID OUSTER WOULD CAUSE THAI LOSE FRIEND AND BY IMPAIRING FRENCH PRESTIGE WOULD WEAKEN WESTERN ALLIANCE. COMMENTING ON FRENCH INDIFFERENCE TO ELEVENTH SEATO ANNIVERSARY, THANAT OBSERVED SEATO LOOMS LARGE IN THAI THINKING BUT A SMALL ISSUE IN THINKING OF CERTAIN WESTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING POSSIBLY FRANCE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THANAT HAS BEEN VOCAL AND SOMETIMES HARSH CRITIC FRENCH NEGLECT OF OBLIGATIONS ATTENDING SEATO MEMBERSHIP. IN

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THIS INSTANCE, HOWEVER, HE APPARENTLY CONCERNED KEEP DISENCHANTMENT WITH FRENCH FROM BEING PUSHED BEYOND LIMITS HE HIMSELF CONSIDERS EXPEDIENT. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. NVN RED CROSS REPS DEPART (WEEK 29)

NVN RED CROSS REPS LEFT THAILAND SEP 12. RTG HAD REQUESTED THEIR DEPARTURE BECAUSE OF SUSPENSION REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES TO NVN SINCE AUGUST 1964. AGREEMENT FOR NVN REPS PRESENCE REMAINS VALID, HOWEVER, AND THEY COULD RETURN IF REPATRIATION PROGRAM RESUMED. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: ALTHOUGH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES THREATENED DEMONSTRATIONS LAST JULY AGAINST

EXPULSION NVN REPS, NONE OCCURRED WHEN REPS ACTUALLY LEFT COUNTRY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. PHOMI'S FAMILY ARRIVES FROM LAOS (WEEK 27)

WIFE AND CHILDREN OF LAOS RIGHTIST GEN PHOMI NOSAVAN ARRIVED BANGKOK LAST WEEKEND AND PROCEEDED SONGKHLA WHERE PHOMI NOW APPEARS TO HAVE DECIDED ON PERMANENT RESIDENCE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. ICFTU MISSION VISITS THAILAND

P.P. NARAYANAN OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF ICFTU AND MATHUR, SEC GEN OF ASIAN REGIONAL ORG. OF ICFTU AND HEAD OF ASIAN TRADE UNION COLLEGE, N. DELHI, VISITED BANGKOK SEP 9-13 AND DISCUSSED

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LABOR PROBLEMS WITH THIEN ATCHAKUN, DEP DIRGEN DEPT OF PUBLIC  
WELFARE AND NIKHOM CHANTHARAWITHUN, ACTING CHIEF LABOR BUREAU,  
BOTH OF INTERIOR MIN. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: THESE ANTI-COMMUNIST LABOR LEADERS WERE WILLING TO  
USE SOFTEST POSSIBLE APPROACH IN HOPES OF ASSISTING RTG TO  
LIBERALIZE LABOR POLICIES AND PRACTICES WITHOUT ENCOURAGING  
SUBVERSIVE LABOR ACTIVITIES. MEANWHILE RTG IS RAISING LABOR BUREAU  
TO DEPARTMENT STATUS WITHIN INTERIOR MINISTRY AND IS PREPARED TO  
MOVE CAUTIOUSLY TOWARD THIS GOAL. (BIVER 18) (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. INTERNAL SECURITY EFFORTS PRESSED ON BROAD FRONT

THOUGH NO SENSATIONAL NEW DEVELOPMENT THIS WEEK IN INTERNAL  
SECURITY FIELD, PRESS REPORTS REFLECTED WIDE-SPREAD EFFORTS IMPROVE  
POLICE AND MILITARY CAPABILITIES IN MAINTENANCE LAW AND ORDER.  
ON SEP 10 AIR CHIEF MARSHAL DAVEE ADDRESSED OPENING SESSION 10TH  
PSYWAR TRAINING CLASS OF POLICE, ARMY, AND CIVIL OFFICIALS  
STRESSING NEED TO CONVINCE PEOPLE OF GOVT INTEGRITY AND COMMUNIST  
TREACHERY. JUST BACK FROM INSPECTION IN MAKORN PHANOM, HE ALSO  
EMPHASIZED GOOD PERFORMANCE NDU'S THAT AREA, SAYING COMPLAINTS  
OF MISBEHAVIOR AGAINST THEM UNFOUNDED. BOTH DEP PRIMIN PRAPHAT,  
SEPT 15, AND DEP MINDEFENSE DAVEE NEXT DAY, TOLD REPORTERS ANTI-

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SUBVERSION DRIVE PRODUCING SATISFACTORY RESULTS. NOTING THAT  
NEW COMMANDER NACHTAI, GEN STILWELL, HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER  
SUBVERSION IN BORDER AREAS IN THEIR SECOND MEETING SEP 14, PRIMIN  
THANON TOLD PRESS THAT GOVT PREPARED TO TAKE STRONG SECURITY  
MEASURES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: THOUGH PROBLEM BY NO MEANS ELIMINATED THAI AUTHORITIES  
APPEAR TO BE MAKING EARNEST EFFORTS. DAVEE'S DEFENSE OF NDU'S  
AIMED AT OFFSETTING CRITICISM BELIEVED TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN  
BUREAUCRATIC JEALOUSY AGAINST NDU'S ON PART OF INTERIOR MINISTRY,  
WHICH GAVE RISE TO UNJUSTIFIED ALLEGATIONS. ONE THAI SOURCE  
REPORTED THAT DAVEE RETURNED FROM NORTHEAST FEELING SERIOUSNESS  
OF SITUATION THERE HAD BEEN EXAGGERATED BY PRESS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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7. SENI PRAMOJ CALLS FOR UNITY AGAINST COMMUNISM

EX-PRIMIN M.C. SENI PRAMOJ TOLD PRESS SEP 10 THAT MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURE AGAINST COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND SUBVERSION IS STRONG UNITY AMONG ALL LEVELS OF THE POPULATION. HE STATED CONSTITUTION NEED NOT PROHIBIT COMMUNIST POLITICAL PARTIES, SINCE THIS ALREADY COVERED BY CURRENT ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW, BUT RECOMMENDED THAT NEW POLITICAL PARTIES LAW SHOULD BAN ANY PARTY WITH COMMUNIST LEANINGS.

SENI HAD EARLIER RECEIVED THANKS IN NAME OF RTG FROM DEP PRIMIN PRAPHAT FOR HIS ANTI-COMMUNIST SPEECH AUG 31 WHICH ALSO CALLED FOR NATIONAL UNITY IN FACE OF COMMUNIST THREAT. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: OFTEN CRITICAL OF VARIOUS RTG POLICIES IN PAST, SENI NOW APPEARS WILLING STRESS UNITY ON BASIS ANTI-COMMUNISM RATHER THAN CONCENTRATE ON DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, AN ATTITUDE GENUINELY APPRECIATED BY RTG. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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8. CABINET APPROVES PRINCIPLES FOR LOCAL SELF-ADMINISTRATION

CABINET MEETING SEPT 14 REPORTEDLY APPROVED PRINCIPLES FOR LOCAL SELF-ADMINISTRATION INCLUDING: ELECTED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES, CHAIRMEN OF WHICH WILL FORM DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES; SPECIAL TRAINING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN METHODS DEMOCRATIC LOCAL GOVT; LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO COME FROM LAND TAXES AND GOVT SUBSIDIES. (UNCLASSIFIED)

COMMENT: CABINET ACTION REFLECTS RTG READINESS TO TEST "DEVELOPING DEMOCRACY PROGRAM" WHICH, WITH USOM ADVISORY ASSISTANCE, AIMS AT INTRODUCING DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES AT LOCAL LEVEL, TOGETHER WITH EMPHASIS ON CITIZEN'S CIVIC DUTY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. DDP TO BE TESTED ON EXPERIMENTAL BASIS IN SELECTED AMPHURS OF UDORN PROVINCE IN NEXT FEW MONTHS. LOCAL ADMIN DEPT DIRGEN CHAMNAN TOLD EMBOFFS THAT IF RESULTS ARE UP TO EXPECTATIONS DDP AT LOCAL LEVEL WILL BE INITIATED FIRST IN ARD AREAS AND EVENTUALLY IN ALL LOCALITIES WITHOUT WAITING FOR PROMULGATION CONSTITUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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MILITARY

2. 20TH FA BATTALION MOVED TO UTTARADIT

20TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (75MM) COMPLETED MOVE FROM

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PRANBURI TO UTTARADIT AUG 26. (CONFIDENTIAL)

COMMENT: MOVE TO UTTARADIT UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. 20TH FA BN IS ORGANIC UNIT OF CAVALRY DIVISION AND MOVE CONTRIBUTES TO EVENTUAL CONSOLIDATION OF UNITS OF 2ND CAVALRY REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM WHICH STILL HEADQUARTERED BANGKOK BUT HAS NUCLEUS OF HEADQUARTERS IN UTTARADIT.

THIS MOVE POSITIONS 20TH FA BN FOR BETTER MEETING ITS MILITARY COMMITMENTS ON FRONTIER. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

10. INDIA-PAKISTAN

INDIA-PAK DISPUTE DOMINATED EDITORIAL COMMENT DURING PAST WEEK, ALMOST EXCLUDING DISCUSSION OF VIETNAM, PERENNIAL COMPLAINTS RE CAMBODIA, OTHER FOREIGN NEWS. THREE MAJOR VIEWPOINTS EVIDENT: FIRST TYPIFIED BY KIATTISAK EDITORIAL SAYING "ONLY COUNTRY REJOICING IN FIGHTING IS RED CHINA." SECOND DECLARED THAI IMPARTIAL DESPITE SEATO MEMBERSHIP. THAI RAIWAN SAID "BOTH INDIA AND PAKISTAN OUR GOOD FRIENDS." THIRD THEME, APPEARING MOST RECENTLY, IS MILD ANTI-COLONIAL PLAINT THAT SITUATION REALLY BRITISH FAULT. THAI RATH SAID "WHEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN UNDER BRITISH RULE, INSTEAD OF REMEDYING DISUNITY CAUSED BY DIFFERENCE

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OF CASTES, LANGUAGE, RELIGION..., BRITISH EMPHASIZED THESE FACTORS CREATING DISUNITY, THUS PERPETUATING RULE FOR OVER CENTURY."  
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11. IPI SEMINAR

INTERNATIONAL PRESS INSTITUTE MADE FIRST APPEARANCE HERE, UNDER SPONSORSHIP THAI FOUNDATION FOR JOURNALISM AND NEW JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION OF THAILAND. SEMINAR DIRECTED AT SENIOR EDITORS, REPORTERS; CONTRARY TO IPI ORGANIZERS' FEARS, ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN STEADY FOR LENGTH OF SEMINAR. AMERICAN PARTICIPATION NEITHER REQUESTED NOR OFFERED, BUT PRINCE WAN, WHO HEADS JOURNALISM FOUNDATION AND ONCE RAN OWN NEWSPAPER, IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS TO SEMINAR PRESENTED LIST OF TENETS LARGELY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION AND AMERICAN NEWSPAPER GUILD. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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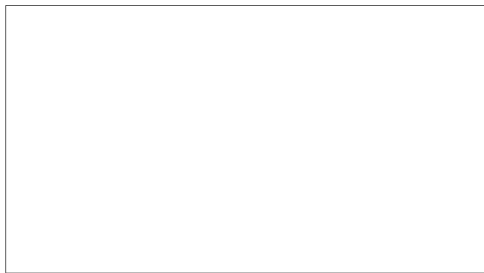
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